**Plastic is a Sinister Ocean Pollutant**

1.) According to the article, what is the plastisphere and what trophic level does it include?

2.) In the paragraph that begins: Scientists also fear, what dangerous environmental effect is their concern.

3.) According to the text, how many pounds of plastic “garbage” are you responsible for annually?

4.) Referring back to the text, what are some of the harmful effects of visible plastic debris to birds and marine mammals?

5.) After reading the opinion of Marine biologist Miriam Goldstein about the changing rhythm of life in the world’s oceans, why is it important to understand the consequences of that?

6.) What did the author mean when he said, “Each one of these plastic bits is a circle of life. One microbe’s waste is another microbes dinner.”